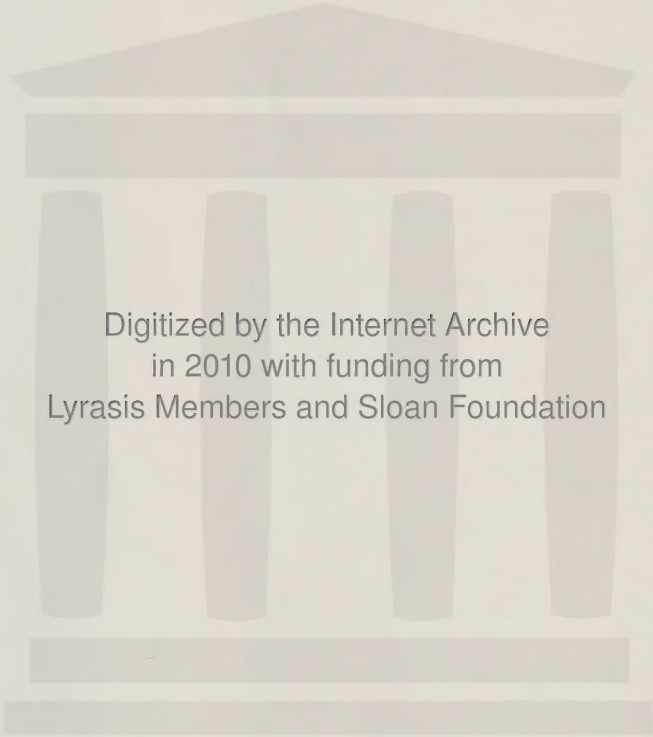
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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

JANUARY 18th, 1865.

Read and referred to the Committee on Elections and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL

OF

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

CONTESTING THE SEAT OF

RICHARD GRASON,

AS JUDGE OF THE

Circuit Court of Baltimore County.

ANNAPOLIS:
RICHARD P. BAYLY, PRINTER.

1865.

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable,
the House of Delegates of Maryland:

The memorial of James L. Ridgely, of Baltimore county, respectfully represents, that he was, at the election of the 8th of November last, a candidate for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit of the State, and received from the loyal and qualified voters of the Circuit a large number of votes for that office; and that, at the same election, a large number of votes for Richard Grason were placed in the ballot box, and he was declared elected; and that before any commission was issued to said Grason, your memorialist notified the Executive of the State of his purpose to contest the election of said Grason.

Your memorialist further represents, that said Richard Grason is disqualified, under the Constitution of Maryland, from holding the office of Judge of the said Circuit, in that he "has been in armed hostility to the United States, or the lawful authorities thereof;" "has disloyally held communication with the enemies of the United States;" "has declared his desire for the triumph of said enemies over the arms of the United States;" and has by other acts given aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States; wherefore, your memorialist prays, that said Richard Grason may be declared ineligible to said office of Judge of the Circuit Court, and the same may be accorded to your memorialist, who received the largest number of legal votes therefor.

JAMES L. RIDGELY.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, *Jan.* 16*th*, 1865.